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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is the nonprovisional utility patent application of:

☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (13 pages).
- ☒ Informal drawings (9 sheets, Figures 1-8).
- ☒ Unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney (3 pages).
- ☐ Assignment of the invention to TAKATA-PETRI AG.
- ☐ Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet.
- ☐ Small Entity statement.
- ☐ Request for application not to be published with certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement.

☒ Form PTO-1449 with copies of 1 listed reference(s).

☐ Application Data Sheet (37 CFR 1.76).

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